



Agenda Item Number: 2006-3-9A

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: March 28, 2006

Department: Sheriff's Office **Staff Contact:** Darren White Sheriff

John Dantis Deputy County Manager, Public Safety

TITLE: Memorandum of Understanding for Participation in an Information Sharing Initiative Known as the New Mexico Law Enforcement Information Exchange (NM LInX)

ACTION: Motion to approve:

1. Administrative Resolution **AR** **-2006** authorizing Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office to participate in NM LInX
2. The Memorandum of Understanding

SUMMARY:

NM LInX is a federal initiative sponsored by the U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). NM LInX will be a central electronic repository for information provided by the participating law enforcement agencies, which can be accessed via secure Internet connections by authorized persons of each member agency. The mission statement provides, in part, that "NM LInX seeks to capture the cumulative knowledge of region's law enforcement agencies in a systematic and ongoing manner to maximize the benefits of information gathering and analysis..."

The NCIS will provide the software and all necessary training at no charge to the participating agencies. Once the database warehouse is populated and properly structured, the system will function with querying and analytical tools to quickly retrieve relevant data. All such data may be used exclusively for law enforcement purposes, and may not be used for employment purposes such as background checks. Each participating law enforcement agency decides what information it chooses to submit to the LInX repository; that is, agencies are not obligated to post all the information that it may have on any particular subject. Participation is strictly voluntary and an agency may withdraw from LInX by providing 30-day written notice to the other agencies.

Board approval will allow Bernalillo County to be among the founding members of NM LInX. Other potential founding members are the Albuquerque Police Department and Aviation Police, Rio Rancho Police Department, Los Alamos County, Valencia County, Sandoval County, Kirtland Air Force Base Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the US Attorney's Office and NCIS. Once the system is in place and functioning, other New Mexico agencies will be invited to join in Phase II of the project. Las Cruces Police Dept. and Dona Ana County have

expressed a strong interest, and the New Mexico State Police likely will join after resolving some procedural issues unique to state agencies that prevented it from being a founding member.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Administrative Resolution **AR** -2006
2. Memorandum of Understanding For Participation in an Information Sharing Initiative Known as the New Mexico Law Enforcement Information Exchange.

FISCAL IMPACT

Participation in NM LInX will not require additional funding.

STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY

COUNTY MANAGER

NM LInX will provide local law enforcement agencies with an additional communication link on critical information. I recommend Board approval. 3/23/2006

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

Information and the ability to communicate is critical, especially in law enforcement. Lives literally depend on it. Participation in this project by the Bernalillo County Office of Emergency Management, given the stated purpose in the Memorandum of Understanding, i.e., the prevention and detection of terrorism is also very important in keeping Bernalillo County safe. I recommend approval of this item. J Dantis 3/23/06.

LEGAL

Approved as to form. JSL 3/24/06

FINANCE

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| Budget | No negative fiscal impact foreseen. Dan Mayfield, 03/24/06 |
| Purchasing | No comment is required. (Lisa Sedillo-White, Purchasing Director 3/24/06) |
| Contracts | No comment is required. (Lisa Sedillo-White, Purchasing Director 3/24/06) |
| Risk Management | No party shall be responsible for liability incurred as a result of any other party's act or omission in connection with this MOU. Any liability incurred as a result of any party's participation in this MOU is subject to the immunities and limitations provided and imposed by the law of the jurisdiction of the party incurring such liability. David A. Baca, Risk Management Administrator. 3/24/06 |

ELECTED OFFICIAL/OTHERS

Information Technology

No Impact. PR 3/24/06